

# Parent Carer Bulletin

## Autumn Term Dates

**2 & 3 September**, Non-pupil Days  
**4 September**, Autumn Term commences  
**3 October**, Year 6 Open Evening and **early closure at 2pm**  
**28 October - 1 November**, Half Term  
**22 November**, Non-pupil Day  
**20 December**, last day of Autumn Term and **early closure at 12 noon**  
**23 December - 3 January**, Christmas Break

## Events this Half Term

**Wednesday 2 October**, Art & Food Collaboration Evening, 5-7pm  
**Thursday 3 October**, **early closure at 2pm** (due to Year 6 Open Evening)  
**Thursday 3 October**, Year 6 Open Evening 6-8pm  
**Friday 4 October**, Influenza School Based Immunisation Programme for Years 7-9, 9am-2pm  
**Monday 7 October**, Year 6 Open Week Tours 8:50am and 2pm  
**Tuesday 8 October**, Year 6 Open Week Tours 8:50am and 2pm  
**Wednesday 9 October**, Year 6 Open Week Tours 8:50am and 2pm  
**Friday 11 October**, Influenza School Based Immunisation Programme for Years 10-11, 9am-2pm  
**Thursday 17 October**, Year 10/11 Art Trip to The Fitzwilliam Museum Cambridge, 8:30am-3pm  
**Thursday 24 October**, Enhancement Day

## *Dates for your diary week commencing 30 September:*

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## *Important Transport Notification for 3 October*

As previously communicated, we will be closing the school at 2pm on Thursday 3 October. Unfortunately, the following buses: **HAVERHILL HLO18 & SUDBURY SC236** have indicated that they are unable to collect until 3pm. We are asking students, where possible, to make alternative arrangements for that day but will of course supervise students in school until 3pm if they are unable to do so.

If your child is allocated to the above services only, please could you indicate by completing the attached form your child's travel arrangements for that afternoon. <https://forms.office.com/e/iEC3QYFR2L>

**Please do not complete the above form if your child is not a HAVERHILL HLO18 & SUDBURY SC236 passenger.**

Thank you for your support in this matter.

## *Art & Food Collaboration Evening*

Stour Valley's Art & Food Collaboration Evening on Wednesday 2 October, 5-7pm, will be held in the Art room. We welcome you to join us in celebrating the wonderful creative work of our students. Please use the link below to RSVP tickets, we would be delighted to see you there. Should you have any enquires please do not hesitate to contact [hiannone@stourvalley.org](mailto:hiannone@stourvalley.org) or [lmayes@stourvalley.org](mailto:lmayes@stourvalley.org)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Q67sPUk2cEGhwbfn3XLnNaxkJ6QhhJjsQ0ZZ-6Gi1UMFMwWIZUVFQ4MEJNWTIMQINCv1ZFS0pOTC4u>



## Contacting the School

Your child's form tutor should be your first point of contact for any concerns or issues. They will be able to deal with your enquiry or will pass it on to the most appropriate member of staff who may contact you. If the matter is directly related to a specific subject, the subject teacher or head of department is the best contact. All staff email addresses are on the website (a link here): [Staff Contacts - Stour Valley Community School](#)

If you call the school, you will appreciate that staff also have teaching commitments which means they may not always be available to take your call immediately. Also, please do not turn up at the school expecting to see a member of staff without a prior appointment.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

## Influenza School Based Immunisation Programme

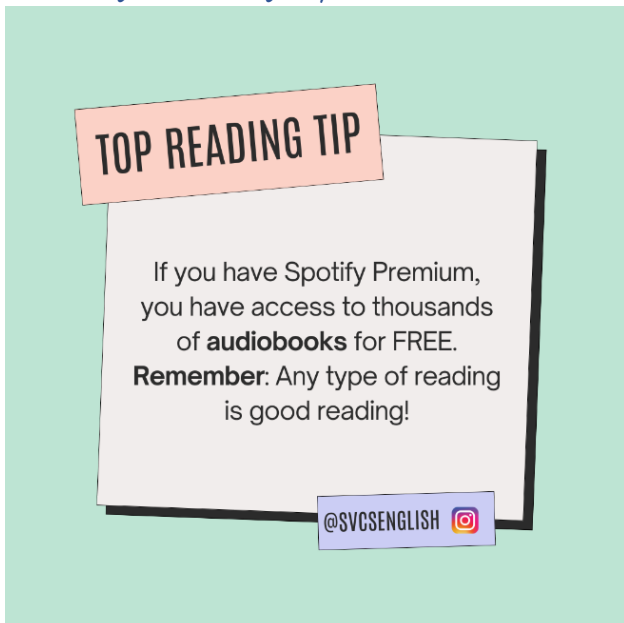
Vaccination UK will be with us on Friday 4 October for the Year 7-9 Influenza immunisations. If you have given consent for your child to receive this, we advise they wear their short sleeve shirt under their blazer, bring a water bottle and snack(s), and have a substantial breakfast before school on this day.

## Safety First! Year 7 Science Lab Health & Safety Posters

Year 7 have been learning all about working in a science lab and have come up with some fantastic Health and Safety posters!



## SVCS English Reading Tip



## Big Biology Day in Cambridge

The University of Cambridge and Hills Road Sixth Form College have come together to create a fantastic day all about biology. This free public event is for everyone and is a great day out for families. The event aims to enthuse and engage people of all ages in biology, but it also offers great advice and guidance on careers in biology.



**BIG BIOLOGY DAY**

Saturday 12 October 2024 From 10am - 4pm

- A free, fun-packed, educational day of biology
- Get hands-on with science activities
- Talk to research scientists, health professionals and other experts
- Learn about different careers in biology
- Meet birds of prey

Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge CB2 8PE  
NO PARKING IS AVAILABLE ON SITE  
[www.facebook.com/BigBiologyDay](https://www.facebook.com/BigBiologyDay)

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## Use of Mobile Phones

As a polite reminder, students are not allowed to use their mobile phones during the school day. If they are feeling unwell or need to contact home, they must visit reception. Likewise, if you could please contact reception if you have any messages you would like to be passed on.

## GCSE Art & Photography Cambridge Trip

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers to please make this trip payment via ParentPay as soon as possible, if outstanding - thank you.

## Gosfield School Sixth Form Open Evening



**Gosfield School**  
NURSERY ■ PREP ■ SENIOR ■ SIXTH FORM  
A CO-EDUCATIONAL INDEPENDENT THROUGH SCHOOL

**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Thursday 10th October

01787 474040  
admissions@gosfieldschool.org.uk  
www.gosfieldschool.org.uk

Register here



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## Important Letters & Notices

<https://support.overnetdata.com/knowledge-base/how-do-parents-update-their-information-in-edulink-one/> - *How do parents/carers view and update their information in EduLink One*

[studentabsence@stourvalley.org](mailto:studentabsence@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Attendance reporting email address*

[safe@stourvalley.org](mailto:safe@stourvalley.org) - *Stour Valley Community School Safeguarding email address*

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